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THE NEW YORK BOTANIC GARDEN.

OUR country is to be heartily congratulated on the prospect that New York may soon be in possession of a Botanic Garden of the first order. The subscription prerequisite to the issue of municipal bonds has now been completed. It remains for the city to carry out its part of the agreement, by raising \$500,000 for building purposes and by providing 250 acres of land in Bronx Park or other suitable place. This action will probably be taken without unnecessary delay. Hence we may look forward with confidence to the speedy establishment, on a comprehensive and dignified scale, of a Botanic Garden of which the city and State may rightly be proud. But this successful effort has far more than a local interest or significance. It concerns the whole country.

To Columbia College and the other educational institutions of New York and vicinity, this new appliance for instruction will mean indeed a great deal. To all the citizens who are to take advantage of the